

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

SUB B17 1. (Amended) An image retrieving and downloading system, comprising:

a data base for registering an image including a moving picture or a static picture with a feature descriptor or a plurality of feature descriptors of the image;

A2 image retrieving means for retrieving the feature descriptor or the feature descriptors registered in the data base according to a retrieval condition input by a user and obtaining a retrieval result satisfying the retrieval condition; and

contents additional service means for editing and processing the retrieval result according to a download condition obtained from a user terminal side on which the retrieval result is to be received.

4. (Amended) An image retrieving and downloading system according to claim 1, further comprising:

A3 contents description meta-data producing means for extracting a feature degree of each of a plurality of input images and format

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information of the input image and producing a feature descriptor or a plurality of feature descriptors of each input image; and
data storing unit for registering the feature descriptor or feature descriptors produced by the contents description meta-data producing means and the input image relating to the feature descriptor or the feature descriptors in the data base.

10. (Amended) An image retrieving and downloading system, comprising:

a data base for registering an image including a time-varying picture or a static picture with a feature descriptor or a plurality of feature descriptors of the image;

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image retrieving means for retrieving the feature descriptor or the feature descriptors registered in the data base according to a retrieval condition input by a user and obtaining a retrieval result satisfying the retrieval condition;

output control means for transmitting the retrieval result and the feature descriptor or the feature descriptors relating to the retrieval result to a user terminal; and

contents description meta-data analyzing means, arranged in the user terminal, for analyzing the feature descriptor or the

feature descriptors transmitted from the output control means and determining whether or not the retrieval result is to be received.

11. (Amended) An image retrieving and downloading method, comprising:

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an image retrieving step of retrieving a feature descriptor or a plurality of feature descriptors of an image registered in a data base according to a retrieval condition input by a user and obtaining a retrieval result satisfying the retrieval condition; and

a contents additional service step of editing and processing the retrieval result according to a download condition obtained from a user terminal side on which the retrieval result is to be received.

14. (Amended) An image retrieving and downloading method according to claim 11, further comprising:

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a contents description meta-data producing step of extracting a feature degree of the image and format information of the image when the image is input and producing the feature descriptor or the feature descriptors; and

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a data storing step of registering the feature descriptor or the feature descriptors produced in the contents description meta-data producing step and the input image in the data base.

18. (Amended) An image retrieving and downloading method, comprising:

an image retrieving step of retrieving a feature descriptor or a plurality of feature descriptors of an image registered in a data base according to a retrieval condition input by a user and obtaining a retrieval result satisfying the retrieval condition;

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an output control step of transmitting the retrieval result and the feature descriptor or the feature descriptors relating to the retrieval result to a user terminal; and

a contents description meta-data analyzing step of analyzing the feature descriptor or the feature descriptors transmitted in the output control step and determining on the user terminal side whether or not the retrieval result is to be received.
